# A.E.F. MAJOR BASEBALL CIRCUIT STARTS SEASON

# AFTER ARMISTICE

Diverted Soldiers' Minds at Time When Call of Home Was Strong

### **GRIDIRON GAME POPULAR**

Football Series Hard and Cleanly Fought and Best Team Won-Doughboys Show Mettle

Within the history of the A.E.F. is writ ention in the chapter dealing with the mention in the chapter dealing with the activities of the Americans following the signing of the armistice. Probably no other single characteristic of the Yanks will prove so far reaching in its effect upon European minds as their love of athletics.

From the bleak November days when th oldiers first turned their attention to foot soldiers first turned their attention to foot-ball to Memorial Day, when the great 100-kilometer road race of the Knights of Columbus was run off, the Army athletic program provided sensation and amuse-ment for the entire A.E.F. and proved very valuable as a muscle builder.

The football championship series was

The football championship series was probably the best conducted sport on the Army list. The games attracted thousands, and every man in the various units was seen pulling for his team. The contests were hard and cleanly fought, and the best team won without the question of a doubt.

#### Baseball Series Just Starting

seball, which is second only to footbe popularity, scored its greatest triumphs in the Army of Occupation and at the base orts, where the men were permanently ports, where the men were permanently stationed and had the time to practice and build up good clubs. As The Stars and Stripes leaves the field, the series for the championship of the A.E.F. is just starting, and from every indication it will prove as great a success as the football series.

One of the most commendable things about the Army athletic program was that in practically all of the ports the dough-boy had an equal chance with the commisin practically all of the ports the dougnhop had an equal chance with the commissioned personnel and proved his athletic
provess. It was a doughboy. Set. William
Rautenbush, who won the A.E.F. golf title,
and, except in tennis and rowing, the men
in the ranks more than held their own.
While boxing proved very popular, and
the tournament was attended with great
success, wrestling did not make much of
a hit with the soldiers, and in the finals,
whenever an entire evening was devoted to
mat contests, the audience was small, and
half of it left before the show was over.
Boxing, on the other hand, drew tremendous crowds, and in the finals the Cirque
de Paris, in Paris, was jammed with fight
fans long before the shows started. Interest reached fever heat when Leo Patterson,
colored, and Busby Graam, and et or
the colored and Busby Graam
the colored scrapper the bout was so close the crowd was
divided in its opinion as to which of the
fighters was the other's master.

Welfare Organizations Help

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n its sport program the Army has beer y assisted by the Y.M.C.A. and Knight be Board and the Red Cross have taken and in fostering athletics, but the C.A. and the K. of C. have devoted hattention to sport since hostilities

J.F. sport. Il of the A.E.F. champions who cared to

than where means are the contribution of \$25,000 in addition to a contribution of \$25,000 the general athletic fund of the Army, o Knights of Columbus have been very tive in boxing and baseball. Their work a been especially good in the Army of suppation, where Alex A. MacLean, the teran bicycle rider and Marathon prooter, has shown excellent executive abit, resourcefulness and tact as K. of C. hietic director for the Third Army.

#### MacLean's Good Work

I race on May 30 was the outcome of run.

# Coughlin Starts Umpire School

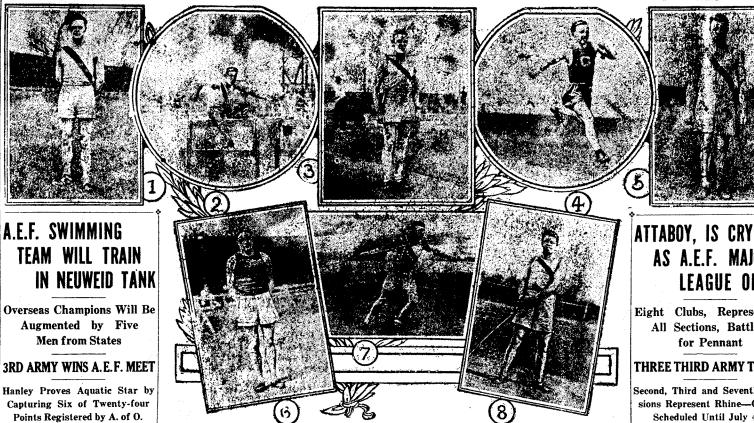
Coughlin Starts Umpire School

Bill Coughlin, former big league baseball star with the Washington and Detroit clubs and at one time captain of the Tigers, has been in charge of baseball in the Third Army. It was his pet idea to start the umpire school which provided efficient umps for the many leagues in the Army of Occupation. Tom Dowd, Jack Karen and Pete Noonan, also K. of C. secretaries, have also been very active in baseball circles in the Third Army area. Bill Coughlin has worked with all of the most promising teams in the Northern League. He has given pointers to all of the teams. The Marm Division team has Bill with it in the Third Army area being active to the Alex P. engaged in some kind of athletts activity, only two fatalities resulted, as or being accidentally killed in a friendly bout, and a baseball player succumbing to heart failure.

#### A.E.F. TRAP SHOOT AT LE MANS JUNE 18

Owing to the large number of men interested in trap shooting and its close relation to military training, a trap shooting tournament, open to officers and men, has been authorised for the A.E.F. It will be held on the Army rifle range at the Belgian Camp. Le Mans, beginning June 13.
Owing to the lack of adequate equipment, and the control of the con

# TRACK STARS WHO WILL REPRESENT A.E.F. IN INTER-ALLIED GAMES



(1) Lieut. Frank L. Maker, University of California; (2) Lieut. Waldo Ames, University of Illinois; (3) Cap. Corman A. Smith, University of Wisconsin; (4) Lieut. Herbert Poem, Georgetown University; (5) Lieut. Richard Byrd, University of Illinois; (6) Lieut. W. Ely, University of Pennsylvania; (7) Lieut. Harry Liversedge, University of California; (8) Sgt. Pat Ryan, Irish-Imerican A.C. (Photos by U.S. Signal Corps.)

# SEVEN MORE YANKS **GET PUZZLE CHECKS**

A.E.F. aquatic stars, augmented by five

A.E.F. aquatic stars, augmented by nov of America's best mermen who are on their way to France, will train at the Neuwied tank for the Inter-Allied competition, which starts June 26. America's squad will con-sist of 50 men.

event held in the Lake St. James, Bois d

Boulogne, Paris, last week, will sport the United States shield on their jerseys in

the Inter-Allied events.

Chief among the overseas force swimmers is J. F. B. Hanley, of the Third Army, who, by winning six points, paved the way

for a Third Army victory. The Army of Occupation team won the A.E.F. champion-

ship meet with 24 points. The Intermediat

three days' competition. Robert Lansing Secretary of State, and John W. Davis

French Win at Water Pole

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That America will have to show advanced speed in the Inter-Allied water pologames was exemplified during the swimming meet when the French water poloists from the Libellule Club walked away from the American tean, 6 to 0. The game was played, however, under French rules. In another game with the Sporting Club Universitaire de France, the American contingent tied, each side scoring a goal.

Because of the large number of swimming enthusiasts in Paris, plans have been made to erect stands upon the shores of Lake St. James for the Inter-Allied events, which will continue for three days.

At least eight nations will enter men in the big water games, and from the status of the foreign entries the United States

Third Army.
Following is the result of the finals in the championship meet:

Sergeant George Harter Solves Problem 5 in **Baseball Contest** 

Sgt. George A. Harter, Co. F. 6th Engli-Sgt. George A. Harter, Co. F. 6th Engineers, stationed at Ochtendung, Germany, wins first prize—a check for 30 francs—for the correct solution of problem 5 in the Knights of Columbus basebail puzzle contest. Second prize, of 20 francs, goes to Pvt. James A. Love, of the R.T.O. force, at Nevens, France. Five others win third prizes of 10 francs each.

The answer to problem five is as follow. With the bases filled and one out, the batter it a low line drive to right field. The sec and barenan three up his glotte, which his the all but did not defect it from its course and two cought by the right fielder. Ender the ules the batter is entitled to three bases, because the flower men on bases.

in the three men on bacs.

As this issue is the last for THE STARS AND STIRES, the Knights of Columbus announce that the answer to prize winners of problem six, published hast week, and future-problems, will be printed in the Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune. All communications should be addressed to Knights of Columbus headquarters, Paris, and not to the Tribune. Contestants are urged to transmit their solutions promptly, giving full name, rank and organization, and the name of the town in which they are billeted

# Puzzle No. 7

First Prize -- Sgt. George A. Harter, Co dung, Germany,

Second Prize—Pvt. James A. Love, R.T.O., A.P.O. 708, Nevers, France. Third Prizes—Pvt. Emil S. Neuzil, 89th Co., T. C., R.T.O., A.P.O. 708, Nevers,

13th F.A., 4th Division, A.P.O. 746. Ahriveiller, Germany. vt. M. H. Trytten, School Detachment,

Poltiers, Vienne. pl. H. A. Grove, Co. H, 3rd Ploneer Infantry, Is-sur-Tille.

Pvt. Richard J. Mann, Co. B, 2nd Engineers, A.P.O. 710, Engers, Germany.

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# FOURTH DIVISION TRACK MEET TODAY

The 4th Division track and field meet, consisting of ten events, will be held at Neuenhr, Germany, today, Gold watches will be awarded the winners of each event, situer watches for second place, and medals to those finishing third. A 1,000 france silver cup will go te the organization scoring the most number of points.

of points.

The events will be the 100-yard dash 220-yard dash, mile run, half-mile relay running broad jump, running high jump tug-of-war, baseball throw, and 16-pounds shot put.

# M.P.'S AND LEAVE **MEN DIVIDE HONORS**

Good Sport Furnished at Y.M.C.A. Athletic Meet at St. Malo

of the occasion.

Honors were rather evenly divided between a permissionnaire team from Dinard, and a team from the 214th Co., M.P.C. and a team from the 214th Co., M.P.C. and the headquarters detachments at St. Mainten team from Sowork, and a permissionnaire team from the second place in the tup-of-war, besides taking part in nearly all of the other events.

Several of the events created a good deal of merriment, particularly the shoe race, in which there were, perhaps, the largest number of participants; the wheelbarrow race, in which the "wheelbarrow" man of every team fell at least once before he reached the goal, and the egg race in which "Y girls only participated.

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Yard Dash -- Won by G. H. Liston, Co. D. M.G. cond.

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selberger Hace-Won by Brinsson and Keng chiberto Ricce-Won by A. F. Fulthardt and S. othut. Ordinance Repair. Shops, Meduar: E. H. and C. M. Roberts, 11th Marines, second, B. Race-Won by E. H. Rech. 11th Marines; p. second, 11th Marines; B. Didarce Bail Throwing Won by W. Emerick; ald, M.F. Co., second of the State of the State of the State of the Bar Robert Bail Rolling Contest—Won by Large Marines, R. R. Andrews, 11th Marines; of-War-Finals Won by M ! Co : Brest Duck

# SPORT MEET WILL PRECEDE BIG SHOOT

Athletes of Allied Armies to Compete at Le Mans June 23, 24 and 25

Track and field and swimming meets, hoating, golf and tennis tournaments and baseball will be on the program at Le Mans tune 23, 21 and 25, preceding the literaction of the program at Le Mans will open at the Army Rifle Range, Belgian Camp, Le Mans, on June 26.

The sports will be open to all officers and men of the Allied Armies and more than 100 silver and bronze medals will be awarded the winers.

Men desiring to enter the games should communicate at once with Capt. J. P. O'Brien, 165th Infantry, Belgian Camp, Le Mans.

Mans.

The sport program in part is as follows:
Track-100-yard dash; 200-yard desh; 440-yard run;
00-yard run and 880-yard relay.
Field-Running high jump running broad jump;
Lindiag road jump; 16 jound shot put; jarein throw;
Swilmning-26, 75, 100 and 220-yard wim; fetching
or distance. These events will be held in the Sartibe
tiver. iver.
Tennis- Singles and doubles.
Golf--Nine-hole course.
Boxing--All weights; four two-minute rounds

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# TEN DOUGHBOYS ARE MEMBERS OF A.E.F. GOLF TEAM

Will Help Uphold America's Prestige in Inter-Allied Matches

#### **TOURNEY STARTS JUNE 24**

Four More Players Are Needed for International Contest to Be Held at La Boulie Links

Ten American doughboys will partici-ite in the Inter-Allied golf tournament which will be conducted on the famous Parisian championship course, La Boulie, near Paris, commencing on June 24, and ending

rans, commencing on Jone 23, and ending on Independence Day. It is believed no golfers will be brought from the States, as the cablegram forwardd over two weeks ago has remained unar-swered. As a result four stars of the links are wanted to bolster up the Ameri-

The tournament should prove the great-est golf Olympic ever staged. Golfers from many parts of the world, all of whom have fought in the war, will be on the links England is to have a strong group of stellar performers. France's team is al-

stellar performers. France's team is already getting into action, and Australia, New Zealand and Canada will have individual entries.

America will depend in a good measure upon the work of the doughboy golfer. The rank and file of the A.E.F. has some creditable players. It was a sergeant, William Rautenbush, of Chicago, who won the A.E.F. championship at Nice, and he will be one of America's strongest men. He travels the La Boulle links in five under bogey.

bogey.

Any other good A.E.F. golfers, who want to get into the tournament should communicate with the A.E.F. Athletic Bureau, 53 Avenue Montaigne, Paris.

# List of Players Ordered to Paris

The A.E.F. Major League opened Saturday with eight clubs, representing all sections of the A.E.F. The schedule calls for games until July 4.

Since last February, when baseball became one of the features of the A.E.F. atheretics. The following golfers have been asked to eport to Paris for duty in connection with solf: Sgt. A. M. Bartlett, four times Iowa State champion: Sgt. Robert T. Barnet, 6th Division, a Philadelphia player; Pyt. C. J. test to determine baseball supremacy.

In the Army of Occupation, after two months of elimination, the 2nd, 3rd and 7th Divisions stand forth as the best baseball teams and they represent the "Watch on the Rhine." Tours won a place in the "big" league after eliminating other teams in the S.O.S. series, and eliminating all rivals in its district. The Nantes team, which went the championship of Ress. Sec.



-4-7th Division vs. Paris, at Coblenz; G H Q at Coblenz; 3rd Division vs. Le Mans. s; 2nd Division vs. Nantes, at Heddesdorf

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tion No. 1, St. Nazaire, is the other S.O.S. representative. This team is composed entirely of colored players, who not only tied Tours for the championship in the S.O.S. League, but defeated teams which before the S.O.S. series started, were touted as sure winners. The colored men are reck-

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# NAVY BEATS ARMY

The Navy defeated the Army in the ar

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